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STATE FOR PRM/AAA AND PM/ISP ALSO PASS AID FOR BHR/OFDA (P BRADFORD) NAIROBI FOR DART/RWANDA AND REDSO UNCLASSIFIED

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TAGS: EAID, PREF, MASS, RW, ICRC

SUBJECT: ICRC REQUEST FOR U.S. AIRLIFT OF EMERGENCY

MATERIAL FOR RWANDA

REF: NAIROBI 11027 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION RECEIVED ON 6/28 A REQUEST FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS FOR USG IN-KIND.

- 2. ANDREAS LENDORFF, HEAD OF ICRC'S RELIEF DIVISION, TOLD US THAT ICRC'S PRESENT BOTTLENECK FOR OPERATIONS INSIDE RWANDA IS THE NEED FOR LOGISTICAL RESOURCES (TRUCKS, ETC.). AS THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA CHANGES, MORE VEHICLES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR ICRC TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE. HOWEVER, NORMAL TRANSPORT OF VEHICLES BY BOAT (TAKING AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS TO MOMBASA) WOULD RESULT IN INORDINATE DELAYS. ICRC HAS APPROACHED AND RECEIVED IN-KIND SUPPORT IN OTHER AREAS FROM THE BELGIANS AND THE EU'S HUMANITARIAN OFFICE (ECHO); FOR THIS REQUEST, THEY ARE INITIALLY COMING TO THE USG.
- 3. MISSION HAS FAXED ICRC'S PRIORITIZED REQUEST TO PRM/AAA, OFDA AND PM/ISP. IT INCLUDES TRANSPORT OF LAND CRUISERS, TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND DRESSING MATERIALS FROM EUROPE TO EITHER NAIROBI OR UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 03 GENEVA 05727 281253Z CLOSER LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (BASED ON OFF-LOADING CAPACITY, ETC.). IT ALSO INCLUDES TRANSPORT OF FOOD AND SOME NON-FOOD ITEMS FROM NAIROBI TO THE IMMEDIATE RWANDA REGION.

4. LENDORFF ASKED THAT WE REPOND SOONEST, SO THAT ICRC WILL KNOW IF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE. GIVEN ICRC'S CRITICAL ROLE IN PROVIDING PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE INSIDE RWANDA, WE HOPE THAT THE USG CAN BE RESPONSIVE. PLEASE ADVISE. SPIEGEL

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